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# Entrepreneurs to be trained at IIM-V

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**Visakhapatnam:** Indian Institute of Management — Visakhapatnam (IIM-V) has tied up with the NS Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL) at IIM-Bangalore (IIM-B) to promote women entrepreneurship in the region.

IIM-V director Prof M Chandrasekhar said that the nationwide 'Women Startup Programme-2018' (WSP) will facilitate the growth of women entrepreneurs by providing in-depth training to foster and augment managerial and entrepreneurial skills through mentoring, incubation and financial support. The programme is funded by Goldman Sachs (NYSE-GS) and the Department of Science & Technology (DST).

The WSP will provide training to over 12,000 women through open online

courses (MOOCs) 'Do Your Venture' between January 22 to March 3. As part of the boot camp, 100 women will be selected for a second boot camp at IIM-B. Post the camp, the selected women entrepreneurs will have their business ideas incubated at the partner campuses of IIM-B, including IIM-Vizag, of their choice for one-year duration with financial assistance.

Prof Chandrasekhar said that start-up programme at IIM-V will do away with the need of women entrepreneurs travelling all the way from Andhra Pradesh to Bangalore to receive the training. "On a particular day of the week, we will provide them an opportunity to network with the faculty and students of the IIM-V. They will also get access to our resources such as library and others," said Prof M Chandrasekhar.